



Education Standards and Practices Board

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MINUTES

Thursday and Friday, August 8th & 9th, 2002

Harvest Room and Red River Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

The Education Standard and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members present for the meeting on Thursday afternoon were Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Marianna Malm joined the group at the Friday morning meeting, Kirk Welstad did not attend the meeting on Friday. ESPB office staff present for Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk.

Others attending the meeting on Thursday afternoon were Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office, Larry Klundt from ND Council of Educational Leaders, Gary Thune, Melissa Deckert, Kristy and Scott Thorson, Dr Ray Aucker, Sr, Mark Vollmer and from the Mandaree Public School District were Harriet Good Iron and Rose Ann Johnson. Gary Gronberg from the Department of Public Instruction attended the meeting on Friday morning.

Amy extended a welcome to new board members Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman and Neil Nordquist. For the new members, this was their first ESPB meeting. Amy also welcomed back the current members on the board.

Election of officers was held. A motion was made by Kirk to re-nominate Amy as the board chair. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. A motion was then made by Amy to nominate Kirk as the board vice-chair. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen.

Since the board makeup had changed, a new administrative board was formed. The administrative board will be Chris Douthit, Dean Koppelman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Laura Carney, Kirk Welstad and Pam Cronin. Election of officers for the administrative board will need to be held at the September meeting.

Before case discussions were held, Janet asked that the case of Michael Burt be removed from the agenda.

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CASES

Chapa-Yon, Kim

The board determined there was reasonable basis to believe the claims or charges in the complaint were true and subject to action by the board. A motion was made by Kirk to proceed with formal disciplinary action against Ms. Chapa-Yon's teaching license. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. NDCC 15.1-13-25 (1)(c) and NDCC 67.1-03-01-02(5). A second motion was made by Laura to offer an informal settlement agreement. The board will accept a two-year license suspension from the date the board agrees on the settlement. Second by Kirk. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Kirk Welstad, Neil Nordquist, Dean Koppelman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit, Pam Cronin, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. NDCC 15.1-13-24 & 15.1-13-25. Ms. Chapa-Yon's license was brought before the board due to a request for inquiry on misuse of funds, while she was employed as a director at a child care center. She holds a two-year license which is valid until November, 2002.

Duetsch, Scott

A motion was made by Kirk to issue a five-year license. Second by Neil. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Mr. Duetsch's license request was brought before the board due to criminal activity that he indicated on his license renewal form. He is employed at the Circle of Nations School in Wahpeton as a physical education and health instructor.

Gefroh, Mark

A motion was made by Chris to issue a two-year, provisional T/I license. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Neil Nordquist, Dean Koppelman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit, Pam Cronin, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Mr. Gefroh's T/I license request was brought before the board due to his background check. He will be employed as an auto body instructor at Rolla Public Schools.

Gilbert, Everett

A motion was made by Kirk to dismiss the request for inquiry. Second by Dan. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Board members who voted no were Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit and Laura Carney. A request for inquiry was filed by ESPB due to a code of ethics issue. He was formerly employed at Eight Mile School District, Trenton as an English instructor.

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Goltz, James

A motion was made by Pam to issue a two-year, initial license Second by Dan Motion carried Board members who were in favor of the motion were Neil Nordquist, Dean Koppelman, Dan Vainonen, Kirk Welstad, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit, Amy Benz, Laura Carney and Pam Cronin Mr Goltz license request was brought to the board due his background check Mr Goltz has accepted a physical education position in Custer Montana

Kendall, James

Bill Peterson reported that Mr Kendall has accepted the settlement agreement to surrender his teaching license Mr Kendall's license has been revoked and this information placed on the national clearinghouse Mr Kendall's license was revoked due to sexual misconduct with a minor

Lacy, Terry

A motion was made by Kirk to issue an interim reciprocal, two-year license Second by Dan Motion carried Board members who were in favor were Dean Koppelman, Amy Benz, Kirk Welstad, Laura Carney, Dan Vainonen, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski and Chris Douthit Mr Lacy's license request was brought to the board because of his low GPA Bill Peterson reminded the board that by law, the board could not waive the low GPA

Lecker, Andrew

A motion was made by Laura to issue a two-year, initial license Second by Kirk Motion carried Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad Mr Lecker's license application was brought before the board because of his background check

Nordgren, Mary

A motion was made by Kirk to dismiss the case Second by Neil Motion carried Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad A request for inquiry was filed due to a code of ethics issue Ms Nordgren is employed at Golden Valley Public Schools as a home economics instructor

Swegarden, John

A motion was made by Pam to issue an initial, two-year license Second by Neil Motion carried Board members who were in agreement were Dean Koppelman, Amy Benz, Kirk Welstad, Laura Carney, Dan Vainonen, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski and Chris Douthit Mr Swegarden's license request was brought to the board due to his background check

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Thorson, Kristi

A motion was made by Dean to dismiss the request for inquiry Second by Chris Motion carried Board members who were in favor were Dean Koppelman, Amy Benz, Kirk Welstad, Laura Carney, Dan Vainonen, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski and Chris Douthit A request for inquiry was filed due to a possible code of ethics issue Ms Thorson is employed by Towner/Granville/Upham Public Schools as a special education instructor

Wolff, Harvey

Bill Peterson informed the board that Mr Wolff has accepted the settlement agreement to surrender his license Mr Wolff's license has been revoked and this information placed on the national clearinghouse Mr Wolff's license was revoked due to sexual misconduct with a minor

Worrell, Alan

Bill Peterson informed the board the Mr. Worrell has accepted the settlement agreement to surrender his license Mr Worrell's license has been revoked and this information placed on the national clearinghouse Mr Worrell's license was revoked due to sexual misconduct with a minor

ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Aucker, Ray

Janet informed the board that there was additional information to present Mr Aucker's license request will be discussed at the September board meeting

Bicknese, David

A motion was made by Pam to dismiss the case Second by Dean Motion carried The administrative board members who voted in favor were Chris Douthit, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman and Kirk Welstad A request for inquiry was filed due to a possible code of ethics issue Mr Bicknese is employed as an administrator with the Golden Valley Public School system

Due to a few minor changes, the May minutes will need board approval at the September meeting

Janet gave a brief overview of the financial history of the board A motion was made by Chris to approve the May and June financial reports Second by Dan Motion carried Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Kirk Welstad, Laura Carney, Dan Vainonen, Pam Cronin, Neil Nordquist, Chris Douthit, Dean Koppelman and Kathy Kiedrowski The **May** financial statement showed \$44,394 14 in total revenue received, \$24,598 82 total expenses with a net income of \$19,795 32 The **June** financial statement showed \$53,555 61 in total revenue, \$24,775 99 total expenses with a net income of \$28, 779 62

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Copies of the new administrative rules were distributed to the board. The rules will complete the legislative hearing sometime in October.

Discussion was held on the 2003 Legislative needs, such as 1) development of an early childhood endorsement, 2) technology education level (K-12), 3) additional dollars for NBPT candidates 4) increase of the board member stipend, 5) change of the major/minor law and 6) legislation regarding crime to engage in the profession of teaching without a license, class B misdemeanor.

A motion was made by Pam to not pursue the development of an early childhood endorsement. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who agreed were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthitt, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Marianna Malm.

Janet informed the board that the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education will be discussing the K-12 technology license and will submit a request to ESPB.

A motion was made by Chris to fully support National Board thru state dollars as well as the federal match. Second by Neil. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Marianna Malm, Dan Vainonen, Neil Nordquist, Dean Koppelman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthitt, Pam Cronin, Laura Carney and Amy Benz.

The ESPB member stipend increases had been discussed during various meetings and approval was given at a prior meeting.

Additional discussion will be held on the major/minor law and possible changes.

A motion was made by Laura to have our legal council proceed with legislation to draft a bill regarding class B misdemeanor if an individual engages in the profession of teaching without a license. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen.

An overview on program approval and standards was given by Deb. She presented the Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) recommendations. Laura made a motion to approve the recommendations by PAAC on the stipulations/conditions from Turtle Mountain Community College's fall visit. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthitt, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen.

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Deb reported that Trinity Bible Community College program approval standard 4.9 regarding faculty development had been met satisfying stipulation from 1999 fall visit

Deb mentioned to the board that Sitting Bull Community College/Sinte Gleska University continued accreditation visit is scheduled for November 3-6. This visitation is the only site visit for 2002-03 term.

Deb distributed drafts of the **physical education and bilingual/ESL standards**. Per the recommendation of PAAC, a motion was made by Kris to approve the recommended physical education standards for circulation to the field for comment. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthitt, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen. The ESL standards were reviewed by the board. The ESL comments will be submitted to the field and brought back to the board at a later date. The board gave verbal approval of the draft language separating the bilingual and ESL endorsement.

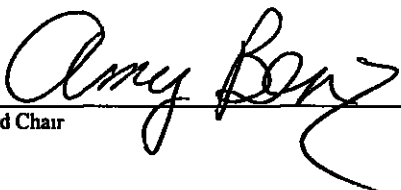
Deb informed the board that more than 30 sets of standards had been reviewed and revised with approximately 10 more sets of standards in process or remaining to be revised.

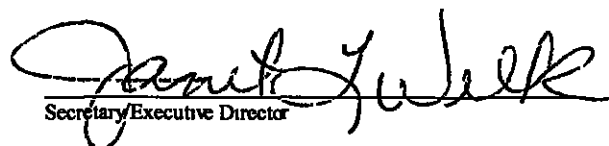
Deb informed that board of NDACTE/PAAC joint meeting on September 20th. She invited and encouraged board members to attend the meeting. Dan made a motion to appoint Neil as the PAAC chair and Pam as co-chair. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthitt, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen. Deb then asked for board approval for the PAAC teacher replacement by Linda Edwards. PAAC recommended Donna Nestoss as the replacement. A motion was made Dan to accept the PAAC's recommended replacement. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthitt, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen.

Chris Douthitt presented the opportunity of hosting the December board meeting in Grand Forks.

A social was held on Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall of the Capitol for new, current and past board members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 on Friday. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 12th.


Board Chair


Secretary/Executive Director